GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5600
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
ACUPUNCTURE SYSTEM
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the Unstarred Question No. 2572 dated December 15, 1998 and state:

(a) whether any request has been received by the Government for recognition of Acupuncture as a system of therapy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to examine this issue by a committee of experts;

(d) if so, the composition of the committee alongwith the time by when this committee was constituted;

(e) whether the committee has submitted its report;

(f) if so, the recommendation made by the Committee; and

(g) if not, the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5600 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.08.2001

Requests have been received by the Government to recognize Acupuncture as a form of Medical Treatment. A Standing Committee of Experts which was constituted under the Chairmanship of DG, ICMR and other experts from different institutions as Members of the Committee. The composition of the Committee which was constituted in August, 1999, is annexed. The Committee has recently submitted its report with its recommendations on various streams of alternative medicine including Acupuncture as a system of Therapy. The recommendations of the Committee inter-alia include guidelines for recognition of Alternative Systems of Medicine and also contains analysis of essential/Desirable criteria to be employed for granting recognition to various streams of Alternative Systems of Medicine.

ANNEXURE

CONSTITUTION OF A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS FOR EXAMINING THE ISSUES/CLAIMS OF THE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE

01 Dr. N.K. Ganguly, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Anasari Nagar, New Delhi	Chairman
02 Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy Dy. Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Anasari Nagar, New Delhi	Member Secretary
03 Dr.S.P. Agarwal, DGHS or Nominee	Member
04 DG, CSIR or nominee	Member
05 DCG (I) or nominee	Member
06 Prof. Ranjit Roy Chaudhury, Emeritus Scientist, National Institute of Immunology, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, New Delhi-110067	Member
07 Prof. B.N. Dhawan, (Former Director, CDRI, Lucknow), 3, Ramakrishna Marg, Lucknow-226007	Member
08 Prof. S.S. Handa, Director, Regional Research Laboratory, Canal Road, Jammu.	Member

09	Dr. V.N. Pandey (Former Director, CCRAS)	Member
10	Dr. R.H. Singh, Prof. & Head, Faculty, Ayurveda University	Member
11	Hakim S. Khaleefathulla, 49- Bharti Salaji Tnoplicance, Chenni.	Member
12	Head of Deptt. Unani Medicine, Jamia Hamdard, Delhi	Member
13	Dr.R.Kannan, Chairman, Siddha Pharmacopeal Committee, Priya Nursing Home, Thennur, Trichy, Tamil Nadu-620017	Member
14	Dr. Lena Mehendale, National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune	Member
15	Dr. Promila Chari, Prof. Of Anesthesilogy, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Member
16	Dr. J.N. Pandey, HOD Medicine, AIIMS	Member
17	Dr. B.K. Sharma, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Member